

## SPORTS TALK OF INTEREST

## JOCKEY CLUB PUZZLED OVER THE EMPIRE CITY CASE.

Opposed to an August Meeting, Which James Butler Desires—Aqueduct and Gravesend, Controlled by P. J. Dwyer, May Get Considerable Cut in Dates.

The Jockey Club stewards, who held a meeting yesterday, have not yet decided what disposition to make of the case of the Empire City Trotting Club. The recent verdict of the Court of Appeals makes it plain that the Empire Club is entitled to both a license from the State Racing Commission and dates from the Jockey Club. James Butler, the principal owner of the Yonkers plant, has not expressed himself publicly as to what set of dates will be acceptable to him, but it is generally understood that he is anxious to hold another race meeting in August in view of the generous patronage of the public at Yonkers last summer, when a meeting was held under the most unfavorable circumstances. It is known that the owners of the Saratoga track, who are also prominent members of the jockey club, are not in favor of another conflict with Empire City. It is said also that the Saratoga people believe that Mr. Butler should receive dates in the spring and fall which would permit their track to have clear sailing. But on the contrary it is stated that all the other racing associations are not inclined to accept a cut in their schedules to admit such an arrangement for Yonkers. Just what will be done, therefore, is a problem that few can solve at present.

Under the provisions of the Percy-Gray law any track in the State of New York is entitled to race forty days. Mr. Butler has that privilege, but he does not care to take advantage of it. He is anxious for harmony and feels that in view of the successful fight that he has made for the track and the profitable meeting he conducted last summer he is entitled to formal recognition. It is understood that several members of the Jockey Club object to Mr. Butler's business relations with a syndicate of Western turfmen headed by Matt J. Winn, and that if these persons should be eliminated by Mr. Butler there would be better feeling all around. But when Mr. Butler called upon Messrs. Winn and Rhinock for assistance it was due to the attitude of the Jockey Club, which steadily frowned upon the Yonkers meeting right up to within a week it opened. Mr. Butler's friends state that he had depended upon his own resources instead of calling in the Western combination his meeting would have been a force and would have provided excellent grounds for a successful argument by the Racing Commission at the time before the Court of Appeals. With no horses, no jockeys or officials competent to act the Yonkers meeting would have been a huge failure, and such a condition of affairs would have existed had it not been for the fact that Winn and Rhinock for a consideration provided thoroughbred riders and even bookmakers, who made the meeting a success.

Mr. Butler's friends say, therefore, that it would be unfair to turn Winn and Rhinock down in future in view of the valuable assistance rendered by them. The Jockey Club, however, by placing the Butler track on the same plane with the other race courses in this State would doubtless eliminate the influence of the Western clique without much delay, for the bettors, and jockeys would go to Yonkers, thereby crowding to the wall the decidedly inferior talent sent on by the West. If Yonkers gets dates in the spring and fall it is said that the Gravesend and Aqueduct tracks will have to stand a bigger cut than the other Jockey Club tracks. Gravesend and Aqueduct are now controlled by one man, P. J. Dwyer, who has reaped a financial harvest from both of them. In looking over the situation it is believed that Mr. Dwyer will be regarded in the light of having too much of a good thing for the best interests of the turf, so that his dates for both tracks will be cut down. By looking off one or two days from all the tracks, it is believed that the Jockey Club can be easily made for Yonkers, which, it is believed, will be asked to open and close the Metropolitan season. In that way Saratoga would be looked after in the same old way.

Mr. Butler has been in New Orleans recently discussing the situation with Matt Winn, who, it is said, is strongly in favor of an August meeting on the lines of the one held this year. Altogether it is a decidedly interesting case, which places the Jockey Club in a rather awkward predicament, inasmuch as the owners that are fully expected that the contention of the Racing Commission that Yonkers should not have a license would be upheld by the Court of Appeals.

The Newcastle Stable won \$1,300 in its year's racing, up from \$1,000 in 1906, the financial support of Frank C. Bishop, who sold out his stock in midseason. The stable started off with a flourish, Andrew Miller, Blair Painter and Mr. Bishop being the owners. But the retirement of Mr. Bishop resulted in the taking in of Tom Welsh, the trainer, as a partner. The fact that Miller was allowed to get away from the combination would seem to indicate that the stable in future will not be so formidable as in the past.

**BOOTS DURNELL RULED OFF.**  
Jockey Club instructs its stewards to refuse Durnell's Associations.

C. E. Durnell, whose career on the turf has been a checked one, received another setback yesterday, when the Jockey Club ruled him off the turf.

A resolution was passed at the meeting of the stewards held in the Windsor Arcade to the effect that the secretary was requested to write all associations racing under the jurisdiction of the Jockey Club requesting them to refuse all further entries of C. E. Durnell and any horse in which he may own an interest.

This means the elimination of Durnell from racing in the State, with the possible exception of the ruling being recognized at Oakland, where Durnell's horses are now campaigning.

For a long time it has been known that Durnell's prominence in racing has not been congenial to the governing body, but the influence of John W. Gates was behind him until that turfman sailed for Europe in midseason. Bedford, who succeeded Durnell and Gates had put many crimps in the hands of the bookmakers. The usual plan was to enter a high class stake horse in selling races at a low figure, and then letting enough to make the run up from the entered price a mere bagatelle.

This plan of campaign was varied when racing in the State was resumed, and the Jockey Club ran a way from the Brooklyn Handicap at the side of 15 to 1.

While the campaign was on it was announced that Durnell would sell his horses and John W. Gates abroad for a campaign on the English turf. The horses were sold at auction, but many of them were sent directly after under the name of the Burlington Stable and in the familiar white and brown stripes of Boots Durnell. It was stated that the Jockey Club had received a hint to hide his identity under the stable name, and with the Gates bank roll running he certainly cut much less of a figure in the sport.

Durnell first got into trouble with the French racing authorities, and after being expelled from the Pacific Coast, there he and J. J. McCaffery got into a similar two years ago and each made charges against the other which resulted in their mutual suspension. Durnell was reinstated in 1906 by the Pacific Coast Jockey Club, McCaffery, however, was kept under the ban until the next season.

The stewards also acted on the report of the doings of the horse Joe, owned by J. J. McCaffery, who was on the case of the horse Joe, and trainer S. J. Marone, was accepted and approved.

On the report of Henry J. Morris, steward representing the Jockey Club at the autumn meeting of the Maryland Jockey Club, the licenses of Jockeys Higgins and Ziegler are indefinitely suspended.

The application of Charles Bell for a Jockey's license was denied.

The following stewards were present: August Belmont, James H. Keene, F. K. Burgess, J. H. Bradford, H. K. Knapp and Andrew Miller.

## NATIONAL LEAGUE STILL AT IT.

## Resolution to Regulate Reserve Lists—New York-Cincinnati Deal Off.

The National League baseball legislators put in another day at the Waldorf yesterday and are going to keep it up to-day. There is a large supply of time consumed than of interesting business transacted at this meeting, though the magnates are not idling away their time. George Dovey of Boston yesterday presented his resolution regulating the fourth of the list of reserve players of the two big leagues and it was resolved to have a conference with the American League on this subject at the spring meetings. If the American is willing the plan will go through.

There is little doubt that the world's series after it will consist of the best five in nine games instead of the best four in seven. The American League has expressed itself as favoring the plan, and the National League of Chicago, with whom the idea originated, brought it up before the National League, which also approved of it. The plan was recommended that the players share in the receipts of the first five games instead of the first four, as at present. The matter will have to come up before the national commission for final action.

It was resolved to incorporate the Fleischmann resolution in the constitution. The Fleischmann measure deals with discipline for rowdism on the ball field and gives the president power to suspend or expel players, except those involving expulsion. Hereafter it has been in the rules, but not in the constitution.

Deals were again at a standstill yesterday. It appears that those having trades to make are all waiting to see what somebody else is going to do. Fred Tenney told the Pittsburgh folks he would like to play with them and there was a short talk between Dovey and Brecheen. An exchange sending Tenney to Pittsburgh and among the possibilities, depending somewhat on what Pittsburgh has to offer, likewise Tommy Sheehan. The third base will go from Pittsburgh to Brooklyn if Brooklyn can furnish a quick pro quo. Pittsburgh isn't averse to taking a pitcher.

The New York club was very anxious to make a deal with Cincinnati, offering Brecheen, Dahlie or Hamman and Browne for Robert and Schell. Herrmann considered for a long time, finally said no and the trade is off.

Joe Kelley, Boston's new manager, had something interesting to say about the proposed rule to prevent pitchers from selling new balls, on which the American League has just expressed itself as favoring. The scheme is all right when it comes to preventing unnecessary delay, but Kelley said that there is another side to it, and an important side. A new ball with its gloss is harder to control than one which has been rubbed a bit and all the harder to control in hot weather, when the pitchers' hands are moist. There is the danger of the batter being hit. Butters would much rather have the pitcher sell the ball a little. The umpire is not to it that he does that without much waste of time.

Another "outlaw" league rumor came to light yesterday. It had Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York and Washington, Brooklyn, Providence and possibly the Bronx in its circuit, and so went the report, was due to meet in Philadelphia next Monday.

**NO NINE GAME WORLD'S SERIES.**  
American League Decides Against Proposition—Meeting Ends.

CHICAGO, Dec. 12. The American Baseball League concluded its business to-day and adjourned. Although to-day's session was scheduled to meet at 10 o'clock, it was nearly 1 o'clock before President Johnson could gather a sufficient number together to begin a business session.

The first proposition considered was that of the proposed nine game world's championship series. It was decided that a nine game schedule would cause many complications. Should the series fall between the East and West, for instance, it would be necessary for one of the clubs to make two trips while the other would make but one. The question of uncertain weather also had some influence and it was decided to let well enough alone.

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